

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
March 11, 2013

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Freudmann, Keane, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus,
Schaefer, Shapiro,
Excused: Ryan

II. MEETING WITH STATE LEGISLATORS

Mayor Paterson welcomed State Representatives Gregory Haddad and Linda Orange.

Mr. Freudmann moved and Ms. Keane seconded to move public comment as the first order of business.

The motion failed with Freudmann, Keane and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Schaefer and Shapiro against.

The Legislators, joined by Senator Don Williams (6:55p.m.), discussed the proposed Governor's budget, specifically the elimination of the car tax and inclusion of PILOT funds into the ECS grant. All three Legislators voiced their opposition to those proposals and stated that neither was likely to survive the budget process in their current forms. They also agreed that a bipartisan bill to control gun violence is possible. When asked what issues to highlight in testimony the Legislators suggested Town representatives remind State leaders why PILOT came into being and provide real life examples of how its elimination would affect Mansfield.

Representative Haddad stated the Town will have some indication of how the budget will affect the Town following the decisions of the Appropriations Committee.

Mayor Paterson thanked the Legislators for their work and urged them to stay in touch.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, urged the Legislators not to support the Next Generation plan for UConn. Mr. Hossack remarked they are elected to represent the Town, not UConn.

Pat Suprenant, Gurleyville Road, requested the Legislators hold workshops outlining why they support the Next Generation plan and suggested they come to Town and schedule regular meetings with citizens.

Senator Williams and Representative Haddad commented that although they have not seen the final language for Next Generation Connecticut and there will be a process of further review and changes, they do agree that an investment in technology and science is important for Connecticut and will have an important impact on Connecticut's economy. Representative Haddad expressed concerns

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the effect of an additional 5000 students would have on the infrastructure of Mansfield and has supported the expansion of the regional campuses.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Moran seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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